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SUBJECT: CUBAN OPERATIONS IN US FISHERY ZONE/COOPERATION IN  
FISHERIES RESEARCH

REF: A) 77 STATE 309554; B) 77 STATE 303787

1. USINT OFFICER, JANUARY 9, PASSED ON CONTENTS OF REF A  
(REJECTION OF BYCATCH FLEXIBILITY, DENIAL OF PACIFIC AND GULF  
QUOTAS - EXCEPT POSSIBLY ON SOME SPECIES OF GULF SHARKS) TO  
RICARDO CABRERA, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND JUAN VAREA,  
DIRECTOR OF FISHERY RESOURCES, MINISTRY OF FISHING INDUSTRY.  
USINT OFFICER REAFFIRMED THAT REF A DECISIONS, LIKE PREVIOUS  
DECISIONS ON ATLANTIC QUOTAS AND RESTRICTIVE BYCATCH REGULATIONS,  
WERE NOT MADE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. CUBANS WERE NOTABLY STUNNED BY  
US ABSENCE OF ACCOMMODATION.

2. CUBANS DID, HOWEVER, SAY THEY WOULD SUPPLY DATA REQUESTED ON  
SHARK FISHING (PARA 5, REF A). FOR THEIR PART, THEY ASKED  
FOR STUDIES AND DATA ON US SIDE BEARING ON DECISION TO ESTAB-  
LISH RESTRICTED GLOBAL SHARK QUOTA IN US ECONOMIC ZONE.

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EM CUBANS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY PLAN - POSSIBLY IN LATE  
FEBRUARY OR MARCH - TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON EXPLAINING  
THEIR PREOCCUPATIONS ON FISHERY QUESTIONS. (COMMENT: FISHERY  
INDUSTRY MINISTER VELAZ COMPLAINED TO CODEL REUSS, DECEMBER 29,  
ABOUT INFLEXIBILITY OF US REGULATIONS - SPECIFICALLY REGULATION  
611.50, PARA D ON BYCATCH.)

4. ON FISHERY RESEARCH, CUBANS SAID THEY WOULD STUDY SUGGESTIONS OF NORTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER (REF B) AND PREPARE RESPONSES AND ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US OBSERVER AT FEBRUARY 13 THROUGH 16 HAVANA ICNAF MEETING. CUBANS ASKED FOR NAME OF US OBSERVER. FYI VAREA SAID CUBANS MAY RAISE DESIRABILITY OF STUDYING MIGRATING PATTERNS OF BILLFISH IN GULF. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL BELIEF THAT BILLFISH WHICH US FISHERMEN ARE SEEKING TO PROTECT, BY MEANS OF MINIMIZING CUBAN GULF SHARK QUOTA, ARE MIGRATING FROM CUBAN WATERS. END FYI

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION TO RESPOND TO CUBAN REQUESTS IN PARA 2 AND 4.

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